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Foreign Broadcast Information Service
F. A. Mailroom
Cairo, Egypt
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

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I am leaving Washington to inspect our West Coast and Pacific installations on 21 January and will not return until about the 25th of February. I know of no problems in Cairo which will require my attention during that time. I know that there will be many local problems which will confront [redacted] and the people he is working with in the construction of the new station, and I feel sure that your assistance and advice will be very, very necessary. However, it is my feeling and understanding from first-hand reports of those who have seen the Cairo setup that it is a full-time job, and therefore I do not want you to divert your attention from Cairo to Cyprus except in an advisory capacity.

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[redacted] will convey certain instructions to you which we have mutually agreed upon here in Washington. Most of them are administrative matters such as attaching his clerical personnel to your payroll until permanent arrangements can be made on Cyprus. He will be in charge of the Cyprus Project insofar as FBIB is concerned and, although occupying a slot as Assistant Chief of the Mediterranean Bureau, is not responsible to you but rather is responsible directly to Washington. I am sure that this arrangement will work out satisfactorily, and I anticipate no friction between you and Seely. I am sure you will find him a very agreeable person and easy to get along with.

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At present, it is my plan to visit the London, Cairo and Cyprus installations in late March or early April. At that time I will try to come to some decision and settle all details relating to the eventual disposition of the Cairo post.

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Sincerely yours,

L. K. WHITE
Chief, FBIB

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